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43 CFR 3809 - Surface Management

Plan of Operations

Plan of Operations Revision Incomplete

Your proposed mining Plan of Operations (Plan) revision was received by the Fillmore Field Office (FFO) of the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) on December 12, 2013. Your Plan site is located in aliquot parts of section 30, Township 11 South, Range 11 West, Salt Lake Meridian. The new Plan is a revision to the Plan previously submitted to the BLM. The proposed Plan was previously assigned BLM case file number UTU-85667. Please refer to this number in future correspondence. The corresponding Utah Division of Oil, Gas and Mining (UDOGM) case file number is S/023/0088.

Based on our initial review of your filing, we have determined your Plan contains most elements required for completeness, but it does not contain all information items required by the BLM surface management regulations at 43 CFR §3809.401(b). The following information must be provided in order for your Plan revision to be complete:

1. Maintenance and Public Safety – as indicated in 43 CFR §3809.420(13), hazardous sites or conditions resulting from operations shall be marked by signs, fenced, or otherwise identified to alert the public in accordance with applicable Federal and state laws and regulations. The mine site, both during periods of operation and non-operation, should be marked with signs and warnings to indicate hazards to the public.



2. Interim Management Plan – as specified in 43 CFR §3809.401(b)(5)(i), your information must include descriptions of measures to stabilize excavations and workings. Your revision includes generic specification of hole refilling after each excavation, but does not address stability of soil piles, stockpiles, and waste rock piles at the site.
3. Interim Management Plan – as specified in 43 CFR §3809.401(b)(5)(v) and (vi), you must describe plans for monitoring site conditions during periods of non-operation, a schedule of specific anticipated periods of temporary closure, and provisions for notification to the BLM for unplanned or extended closure periods. Please provide a schedule for regular site visits during closure periods. Please also describe steps to be taken if degradation such as excessive erosion is found.
4. Description of Operations – as specified in 43 CFR §3809.401(b)(2), please completely describe all power equipment to be used in the operation. Will power equipment other than a backhoe be used?

Also, as specified in 43 CFR §3809.401(b)(2)(viii), describe the access road and reclamation methods. The access road has been in existence for some time, but reclamation measures will be required because it leads only to your mine site and is used primarily to reach the mine from the County-maintained gravel road;

5. Reclamation Plan – As specified in 43 CFR §3809(b)(3), you must provide a comprehensive Reclamation Plan with your Plan of Operations proposal. The Reclamation Plan must include detailed information:
  - a. As required in 43 CFR §3809(b)(3)(ii), for your regrading and reshaping plans;
  - b. As required in 43 CFR §3809(b)(3)(ii), for your topsoil handling plans. Your Map #2 shows a 'stockpiled topsoil' location but does not describe the stockpile dimensions or redistribution plans;
  - c. As required in 43 CFR §3809(b)(3)(iii), for your mine reclamation plans. As required by this section, please include information on the feasibility of pit backfilling that details economic, environmental, and safety factors;
  - d. As required in 43 CFR §3809(b)(3)(vii), for your revegetation plans. For example, do you plan to scarify or rip your regraded surface disturbance areas to enhance plant growth establishment? Do you plan to re-seed by the broadcast or drill methods? The broadcast method normally requires twice as much seed as the drill method; and
  - e. As required in 43 CFR §3809(c)(2)(d), for your Reclamation Cost Estimate (RCE). You must submit an estimate of the cost to fully reclaim your operations. As described in 43 CFR §3809.552, your RCE must cover the estimated cost as if



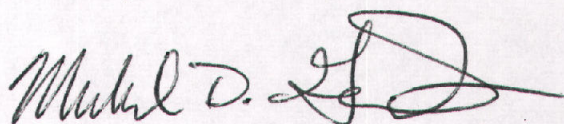
the BLM were to contract with a third party to reclaim your operations according to the reclamation plan, including construction and maintenance costs. After receiving your RCE, the BLM will consult with UDOGM to determine a final reclamation cost and will notify you of the results.

Until a complete Plan revision with the additional information is filed with this office, BLM is unable to determine if your proposed operations will result in unnecessary or undue degradation as defined under 43 CFR §3809.5.

Please submit the required information at your earliest convenience. Until we receive this information, your Plan revision cannot be completely processed and mining activity is not to take place.

If you have any questions, please contact Duane Bays, BLM-FFO Natural Resource Specialist, at (435) 743-3115.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Michael D. Gates", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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Enclosure: CFR § 3809 Regulations

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